The Honorable Bobby J. Hopewell Mayor of Kalamazoo 241 West South Street Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007-4796

Dear Mayor Hopewell:

Thank you for your February 11, 2014 letter requesting that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency hold a public meeting in addition to the planned availability sessions to discuss the Allied Landfill Feasibility Study.

EPA believes that the availability session format provides meaningful community engagement by providaffording citizens the opportunity for one-on-one dialogue with technical staff. On February 19, 2014 EPA held its first public availability session on the Feasibility Study, which you attended. The session included a group "question and answer" period that allowed for open discussion onquestions on the issues regarding Allied Landfill to be heard by everyone who attended. A second outreach session is being planned for March. EPA will work with you and your staff on the meeting format to ensure that the EPA continues to meet the needs of the Kalamazoo community.

Again, thank you for your letter. If you have further questions, please contact Richard Karl, Superfund Division Director, at (312) 353-9773.

Sincerely,

Susan Hedman Regional Administrator